

respect of any claims that depend on the independent claims. In particular, it does not matter if a dependent claim itself contains a further invention.”

Regarding present independent claim 1, it is submitted that claim 1 is directed to an endoscope system including a unique feature of the image generating unit that generates a panoramic image after estimating a motion of a camera, modifying the motion, and modifying an internal deformation of a living body, and thus that the claimed invention is not known from the prior art.

Thus, for the reasons presented above, it is submitted that the election of species requirements should be withdrawn, and all of the claims examined together.

Respectfully submitted,

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